

claims 1 and 9, respectively. The Examiner declared that claims 1, 9, and 23 were allowable.

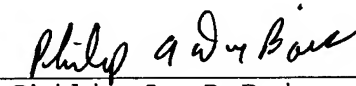
The present amendment cancels claims 1-12, 14-17, 19-22, and 24. As claims 1 and 9 have been cancelled, claims 13 and 18 can no longer be duplicates of Claims 1 and 9. It is believed that claims 13 and 18 have been placed in condition for allowance.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, with claims 13, 18, and 23, as presented. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis are accordingly respectfully requested.

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